Rising Number of Road Accidents in Punjab

2104. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents on the National Highways during the last 4 years in Punjab;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed/injured therein during the same period, State-wise; and

(c) the step taken by Government to check these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The number of accidents on the National Highways in Punjab for the last four years arc as under:

Year	Accidents
1995	688
1996	876
1997	1229
1998	Figures not available.

(b) The number of persons killed/injured in road accidents on National Highways during the last four years, State-wise is given in the Statement, *(see* below)

(c) The steps taken by Government to check these accidents are:

(i) widening of two-lane sections to four lane sections.
(ii) Single lane to two-lanes,
(iii) providing raised shoulders,
(iv) strengthening weak pavements,
(v) reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges and culverts,
(vi) replacement of level crossing by road over bridges, (vii) provision of retro-reflective road signs, (viii) thermoplastic road markings,
(ix) laybyes and
(x) wayside amenities on high traffic density corridors; etc.

Statement

Persons Killed/Injured in Road Accidents on National Highways During 1995 to 1998

States/U. Territories	Killed			
	1995	1996	1997	1998
Andhra Pradesh	2146	2580	2228	3102
Arunachal Pradesh	5	13	13	28
Assam	774	760	866	787
Bihar	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Goa	101	96	111	107
Gujarat	897	1121	1590	1380
Haryana	1168	1211	1110	1098
Himachal Pradesh	228	216	181	292
Jammu & Kashmir	94	173	131	N.A.
Karnataka	1898	1974	1896	1947
Kerala	968	859	851	826
Madhya Pradesh	1276	1355	N.A.	N.A.
Maharashtra	2842	3043	3197	N.A.
Manipur	59	32	43	40
Meghalaya	78	58	100	87
Mizoram	28	31	12	39
Nagaland	31	50	15	10
Orissa	788	763	673	803
Punjab	591	561	938	N.A.
Rajasthan	1821	2058	2077	2118
Sikkim	13	11	10	10
Tamil Nadu	2723	2787	2775	3106
Tripura	32	45	59	46
Uttar Pradesh	N.A.	3098	3165	3318
West Bengal	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
A&N Islands	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Chandigarh	18	*26	25	14
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Daman & Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Delhi	257	280	415	305

	1995	1996	1997	1998
Lakshadweep	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Pondicherry	35	27	32	34
Total	18871	23228	22514	19497

N.A. = Not Available

States/U. Territories	Injured			
	1995	1996	1997	1998
Andhra Pradesh	6720	7982	7052	9286
Arunachal Pradesh	71	94	134	62
Assam	2182	2288	2623	2364
Bihar	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Goa	729	782	605	695
Gujarat	4063	4937	7069	7735
Haryana	2808	3089	2554	3065
Himachal Pradesh	1256	996	1006	1488
Jammu & Kashmir	432	395	526	N.A.
Karnataka	10749	11824	9481	9297
Kerala	12393	11673	10748	10805
Madhya Pradesh	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Maharashtra	12501	13289	13388	N.A.
Manipur	253	295	294	472
Meghalaya	265	184	329	165
Mizoram	121	117	57	147
Nagaland	130	76	63	30
Orissa	2785	2727	2669	2913
Punjab	560	813	1077	N.A.
Rajasthan	8285	7961	7664	9122
Sikkim	118	115	69	40
Tamil Nadu	11731	11159	9074	9822
Tripura	169	174	504	209
Uttar Pradesh	N.A.	4136	4084	4437

	1995	1996	1997	1998
West Bengal	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
A&N Islands	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Chandigarh	24	39	44	34
Dadra &'Nagar Haveli	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Daman & Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Delhi	819	1029	1011	1012
Lakshadweep	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Pondicherry	233	188	265	204
Total	79397	86362	82390	73404

N.A. * Not Available

Pinto Committee Report on National Shipping Policy

2105. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "PINTO" Committee was set up for National Shipping Policy;

(b) the recommendations of the Committee and how many have been accepted by Government;

(c) the number of meeting of "National Shipping Board" held during the last three years; and

(d) the details of businesses which have been transacted in each meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee made 31 recommendations. Empowered Committee set up by the Government had considered and recommended for acceptance 26 recommendations. Of them 15 recommendations have already been accepted by the Government and action